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SUBJECT: HAITI REQUEST FOR ASSOCIATION WITH THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY

REF: EC BRUSSELS 7716

1. MISSION SHOULD INFORM COMMISSION THAT US CONTINUES TO
CONSIDER FIVE-POINT PROPOSAL ORIGINALLY PUT FORWARD BY
UNDER SECRETARY CASEY AS BASIS FOR RESOLUTION OF
ASSOCIATION ISSUE. ONE KEY PART OF PROPOSAL, WHICH SEVERAL
EC COMMISSIONERS HAVE STATED THEY ACCEPT, IS AGREEMENT
NOT TO EXTEND ASSOCIATION STATUS TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN
FORMER COLONIAL AREAS IN AFRICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND PACIFIC.
US INTEREST IN THIS POSITION IS BASED ON DESIRE TO SEE
EC RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EVOLVE AWAY FROM A
PATTERN OF TRADE PREFERENCES, TOWARD A FURTHER ACCEPTANCE
OF GLOBAL RESPONSIBILITY. DECISION BY EC TO ADD HAITI OR
ANY OTHER COUNTRY TO ACP GROUPING WOULD HAVE LIKELY EFFECT
OF UNRAVELLING US-EC MODUS VIVENDI ON THIS SENSITIVE ISSUE.
THEREFORE, US WOULD OBJECT IF EC WERE TO ACCEPT HAITI
REQUEST FOR INCLUSION IN ACP GROUP. AT SAME TIME, HAITI
IS IN PROCESS OF APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN CARICOM
(CARIBBEAN COMMON MARKET) . US POLICY HAS BEEN TO
ENCOURAGE HAITI OUT OF ITS ISOLATION AND TO DEVELOP
BROADER INTERNATIONAL TIES. THEREFORE, US WOULD WELCOME
A CLOSER ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND HAITI
BASED ON AN EXPANSION OF THEIR MFN, GSP OR AID RELATIONSHIPS

IN WAYS THAT WOULD BENEFIT HAITI.

2. US SUGGESTS THAT COMMUNITY COULD REPLY TO HAITIAN
REQUEST BY INDICATING THAT ACP ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENT
IS AN OUTGROWTH OF FORMER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPEAN
METROPOLES AND COLONIAL AREAS AND THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN
EC AND OTHER LDC'S NEED TO BE BASED ON MORE GENERALIZED
APPROACH. ONE OBVIOUS TOOL IS GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERENCE WHICH IS ALREADY IN EC HANDS AND WHICH MIGHT
BE EXAMINED FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS OF INTEREST TO
HAITI. EC MAY ALSO WISH TO WEIGH MERITS OF A BILATERAL
AID PROGRAM FOR HAITI, WHICH IS ONE OF MOST NEEDY OF
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LDC'S AS WELL AS ONE OF THE UN-LISTED MOST SERIOUSLY
AFFECTED COUNTRIES (MSA'S).

3. MISSION SHOULD ALSO INDICATE TO COMMISSION
DESIRABILITY OF ITS MAINTAINING A CONSISTENT POSTURE WITH
RESPECT TO REQUESTS FROM IRAN, HAITI AND OTHER COUNTRIES
FOR PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT. SHOULD THE EC YIELD ON ONE
SUCH REQUEST THIS COULD OBVIOUSLY BE CITED AS A
PRECEDENT BY OTHERS. INGERSOLL

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